
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6597

AN ACT CREATING THE CIVILIAN MEDAL OF HONOR.

SUMMARY:

This bill authorizes the emergency services and public protection commissioner to award the civilian medal of honor, directly or posthumously, to any Connecticut citizen in recognition of (1) a valorous and heroic deed performed in saving a life or (2) injury or death or threat of such incurred (a) in the service of the state or the person's community or (b) on behalf of the health, welfare, or safety of other people.

Any member of the public may submit recommendations for the award to the commissioner, in the form and manner he prescribes. The commissioner must forward recommendations to a selection board, which must review them and select nominees, giving due consideration to the selection criteria. The commissioner must review the board's nominations and award the medal to any such nominee he deems deserving.

The nine member selection board consists of (1) one member each appointed by the six top legislative leaders and the governor and (2) two members appointed by the commissioner. The governor's appointee serves as the chairperson and must call at least one meeting per year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/21/2013)